

**MINUTES OF THE
SOMERS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 13, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Somers County Water and Sewer District was held on April 13, 2016 at the Somers Bay Café.

President Ruth Hellen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.. Present were Don Peters, Bob Foley and Tanya Turner. Mark Manning was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Ruth pointed out an error in the Minutes from March 9, 2016, page bottom of page 2.

“Discussion was held stating that Summit Avenue is first on our priority list and perhaps throw Dodd Avenue in this construction phase. Depending on the financing received by the State Revolving Fund, we will then make the decision to include Dodd Avenue.”

Discussion was held concerning the water projects. Summit Avenue is our first priority for now with School Addition Road being high on the list. Depending on the financing received by the State Revolving Fund, we will decide if we can take the water main down Dodd Avenue.

Don moved. Bob second.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2016 meeting, with correction above.

All Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no one present.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. New Boardmember. Mark Manning was present and is interested in becoming a Boardmember. He is a registered voter and lives and owns property in Somers.

Don moved. Bob second.

RESOLVED to appoint Mark Manning to the Board of Directors to fill Shari Johnson's vacant seat.

All Aye.

B. Purchase for Community Building. In the near future we will be conducting our meetings in the new community building. It was brought to our attention that they need to get some chairs for the table they already have. Ruth recommended that we purchase the chairs, as we will be using the building.

Don moved. Bob second.

RESOLVED to approve up to 8 chairs for the community building.

All Aye.

C. Kurfess Yurts. Rita explained that Linda Kurfess is still wanting to build 2 yurts on her property on the south end of Somers Road. When she was first planning this, she was going to locate them on the south end of the property and wanted water and sewer. Rita had encouraged her to annex in the whole property (which goes North up to the Fire Department site). Linda did annex the property, however, she now has changed the location of the yurts to the North part of the property and the yurts will be approximately 2,200 feet from Somers Road. They do have a well on the property and they would like to put in a septic tank. Discussion was held.

Bob moved. Mark second.

RESOLVED to De-Annex the part of the land that we had annexed recently in order for them to get started.

All Aye.

Rita will talk to Linda about de-annexing.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Shari Johnson--update on School Add. Rd Water Main. Shari was not present, therefore no presentation.

B. Verizon Wireless. Rich continues to work with Verizon Wireless in getting the lease ready to sign. The District will be receiving \$20,000 per year with a 2% increase each year.

C. Status of Water Tank Land. Rich wrote a letter to BNSF inquiring about the status of the proposed purchasing of the land. He did receive a letter back stating that this is still going through the proper channels at BNSF.

Rita stated that Nancy Gilliland had contacted her concerning information Aecom is requesting. Nancy doesn't know the reason, but Aecom wanted water testing results (Rita sent the Consumer Confidence Report) and Andy gave her the information requested concerning draw down and other information for the tank well. While Andy was getting the information gathered he found a 1990 report which stated that the tank well could become contaminated in 5 to 30 years. Rita talked with Nancy concerning this report and she reported that they test the tank well 2 times a year for hydrocarbons. So far it has always shown negative for hydrocarbons. She is having the test results from 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 and each year after sent to us.

Bob asked what we would do if the tank well were to become contaminated. Ruth stated that an emergency plan is needed for the district.

Rita has notified Rich of the 1990 report and asked that we be sure to have BNSF still be responsible if the well becomes contaminated in the future.

D. Liability Agreement with Lakeside ref: to their vehicle. Rita met with Rodney at Lakeside and discussion was held concerning what constitutes an emergency situation, when Cody is called off the job at Lakeside and needs to respond to Somers in the Lakeside truck. Rodney and Rita agreed that an emergency is a water main break, houses flooding, sewer backup, all the things that need immediate attention. In the case of someone needing their water turned off or on Cody can contact Luke and Luke can take care of the non-emergency situations.

Rita sent the information to Rich in order for him to include the emergency definition as well as a clause stating that if an emergency happens at both districts at the same time, Cody's priority responsibility will rest with Lakeside.

Rich did not include the "payment of legal fees" as requested by Lakeside. Rodney had talked to their attorney and their attorney recommended an indemnity clause. After we get the definition of emergency and priority finished by Rich, Rodney will send that agreement to his attorney.

SECRETARY'S/MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Financial Statements. Rita presented the financial statements for month ending March 31, 2016.

B. Bills. The Unpaid Bills Report was presented.

Don moved. Tanya second.

RESOLVED to pay the bills as presented totaling \$10,330.63.

All Aye.

C. Correspondence. There was no correspondence other than what was discussed under OLD BUSINESS C.

D. Delinquents. The delinquent list was discussed.

E. Manager's Report. Attached. All information on the Manager's Report has been discussed previously in the meeting.

Being no further business.

Tanya moved. Don second.

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

All Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m..

Minutes approved at the May 11, 2016 meeting: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary